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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the pending figures with the enclosed formal Replacement Figures. FIG. 8 has been amended to correct an erroneous reference number. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings alleging that a "means for measuring an instantaneous applied torque" is not shown in the figures. The Applicants respectfully disagree. The Examiner's attention is directed to FIG. 1 where a "torque sensor 2" is provided. Accordingly, the Applicants believe that the claim feature is adequately shown and need not be canceled from the claims.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are currently pending. Claims 1-14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, but are otherwise allowable. Claims 1-4 have been amended.

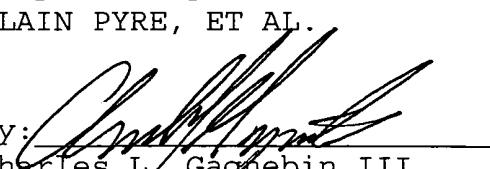
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following reasons. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

35 U.S.C § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTIONS

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for reasons of form. Claims 1-4 have been amended to remove terms allegedly lacking an antecedent basis.

Accordingly, the Applicants believe that the grounds for rejection are moot and the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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